GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR IT
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation for HRD in IT has been scaled down from that planned initially this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the impact of this reduction on the plans to make India a global R&D hub in IT;

(d) whether the Government propose to upgrade some existing engineering institutes in the country as institutes of excellence in IT;

(e) if so, the names of institutes so selected, State/Union Territory-wise;

(f) the amount earmarked for each of these institutions for the purpose; and

(g) the number of PhDs and M.Techs in IT in the country at present and the target fixed in this regard, if any, for the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a),(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. As per the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), against a budget estimate of Rs.30.00 crores, a provision of Rs.1.00 crore has been kept at revised estimate stage.

(d): No, Sir.

(e) and (f): Do not arise.

(g): As per the report of the Task Force on HRD in IT,about 25 Ph.D and 300 M.Tech. degree holders in computer science are produced every year in the country. No specific targets have been fixed in this regard.